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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 26 May 1955REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 29 March and 25 April 1955, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg was occupied by an estimated 3,000 men wearing blue service color. Discharges took apparently place after Easter. On 29 and 31 March and 2, 5, 7, 12, 20, 22 and 25 April, training, predominantly in firing and field training, was held in the barracks area at the post training grounds. About 12 T-34 tanks practiced driving. 25X1
2. On 7 April, a total of 850 KVP men left Spremberg by rail for Easter leave.¹
3. In April, the Artillerie Kaserne in Weissenfels was occupied as previously by an estimated 1,200 KVP soldiers wearing red and black service color. It was learned that the units in the installation were called A-unit and B-unit. Drill with rifles and machine guns was daily observed in the barracks yard. No heavy weapons were seen. On 15 April, 16 sidocar motorcycles entered the installation from the direction of Naumburg.²
4. On 14 April, 70 to 80 KVP soldiers wearing red-bordered black collar patches received instruction on 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the installation on Buergeraue in Gotha. Ten sheds for motor vehicles and guns had been built in the barracks yard.²
5. On 14 April, KVP soldiers with blue, red and green service color were seen in the former Flak Kaserne on Ohrdrufferstrasse.²
6. On 14 April, the Mandau Kaserne in Zittau was occupied by an estimated 1,000 KVP soldiers. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black collar patches. No training was observed. 25X1
7. On 25 April, the barracks installation on Georgewitzerstrasse in Loebau was occupied as previously by an estimated 2,000 KVP soldiers wearing red-bordered black and blue collar patches.
8. In early May, the technical works in Gera were occupied to capacity by an estimated 2,000 KVP soldiers wearing red service color. Eighty apparently new trucks with four-wheel drive were seen on blocks in the barracks yard. Several guns of 20 to 40 mm caliber were seen near the trucks.² and ³

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9. [] recruits for infantry units were needed in Erfurt and that a shipment had been unloaded in Gera between 18 and 23 April.

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1. [] Comment. The Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg is believed to be occupied by the medium Tank Regt and the Hv Tank SP Regt of the Meczn Div Dresden. The strength figure for the installation appears to be exaggerated, []

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[] which is located very close to the installation. This assumption is also supported by 850 men from Spremberg who went on leave for Easter holidays, since usually half of a unit is sent on leave on occasion of Easter and half of the unit on Whitsunday. Therefore, it is believed that the Spremberg post may have been occupied by 1,600 to 1,800 KVP soldiers. []

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2. [] Comment. The installation appears to be occupied as previously.

3. [] Comment. The guns may have been 45-mm AT guns.

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